

HumanWare Accessibility Conformance Report: explorē 12

Revised Section 508 Edition

(Based on VPAT® Version 2.5Rev)

Field	Report information
Name of Product/Version	explorē 12 Kit with folding stand; software version 1.1.6.450
Report Date	May 2026
Product Description	Portable electronic video magnifier with 12-inch touchscreen, near and far cameras, magnification, contrast modes, line/blinds, image capture/gallery, USB image export, external display output, folding reading stand, and adjustable settings for low vision use.
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Notes	This report covers the explorē 12 Kit with folding stand, including the explorē 12 electronic magnifier, folding reading stand, USB charger/adapters, USB cable, high-resolution video cable, carry items, user guide, quick start, related support materials, and HumanWare-produced support videos linked from the HumanWare support page to YouTube. Tablet-only and stand-only variants derive from this kit. explorē 12 is intended for people with limited but usable vision. It is not intended as a blindness product and does not provide speech output or braille output. This report does not evaluate the full HumanWare website or the YouTube player interface.
Evaluation Methods Used	Review of the Revised Section 508 VPAT 2.5Rev template, current explorē 12 user guide, technical specifications, product team responses, targeted hands-on testing/confirmation of hardware and embedded software behavior, review of support documentation accessibility, and review of support-service claims. Testing was performed by product personnel with knowledge of common product uses and flows.

Applicable Standards/Guidelines

This report covers the degree of conformance for the following accessibility standards/guidelines.

Standard/Guideline	Included In Report
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0	Level A: Yes Level AA: Yes Level AAA: No
Revised Section 508 standards published January 18, 2017 and corrected January 22, 2018	Yes

Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows:

Supports: The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.

Partially Supports: Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.

Does Not Support: The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.

Not Applicable: The criterion is not relevant to the product.

Not Evaluated: The product has not been evaluated against the criterion. This can only be used in WCAG Level AAA criteria.

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Tables 1 and 2 also document conformance with Revised Section 508 Chapter 5 - Software and Chapter 6 - Support Documentation and Services, where applicable.

Scope for WCAG tables: embedded non-web software, electronic support documentation, and HumanWare-produced support videos linked from the support page are included in this report scope and are evaluated based on available captions, transcripts, voice-over, and video content. Web content and authoring tools are treated as Not Applicable unless specifically noted. The full HumanWare website and YouTube player interface are outside this report scope.

Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

Notes: Applies to embedded software, electronic support documentation, and included support videos as described in the scope above.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.1.1 Non-text Content	Partially Supports	Software: on-device icons and controls are visually presented; core functions are also available through physical buttons and visual labels. There is no screen reader or text-alternative exposure through platform accessibility services. Electronic support documents have alt text for images, diagrams, and graphics.
1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded)	Not Applicable	The on-device software does not include prerecorded audio-only or video-only media. Support videos included in this report are prerecorded synchronized media, not audio-only or video-only content.
1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded)	Supports	The on-device software does not include prerecorded synchronized media. HumanWare-produced support videos included in this report scope are linked from the HumanWare support page to YouTube and include captions.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded)	Partially Supports	The on-device software does not include prerecorded video content. HumanWare-produced support videos include voice-over, captions, and full transcripts. The videos do not include separate audio description tracks. The voice-over describes the demonstrated product tasks, which may provide sufficient context for many videos, but separate audio description has not been provided.
1.3.1 Info and Relationships	Partially Supports	Software: menus and controls use a simple, consistent visual structure, but accessibility semantics are not exposed to assistive technology. Electronic support documents are accessible.
1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence	Supports	Software: primary workflows follow a logical visual and operational sequence. Electronic support documents are accessible and maintain a meaningful reading order.
1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics	Supports	Instructions identify controls by name and location, not only by color, shape, or position. Color is used, but not as the only means of identifying core controls.
1.4.1 Use of Color	Supports	Color is not the only means of access. The product provides named controls, physical button locations, icons, and multiple contrast modes.
1.4.2 Audio Control	Not Applicable	The product does not play audio automatically.
2.1.1 Keyboard	Partially Supports	The product is not designed for a standard external keyboard interface. Core product functions have physical-button equivalents. Selecting items in settings menus requires touch and does not have a physical-button-only selection path.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap	Supports	No standard keyboard interface is provided. Physical-button and touch operation do not trap the user in a control or screen by design.
2.2.1 Timing Adjustable	Supports	The auto-off timer is adjustable to 1 minute, 2 minutes, 5 minutes, 10 minutes, or Never.
2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide	Supports	The device does not present moving, blinking, scrolling, or auto-updating interface content that prevents use. The live camera view is the core function of the product.
2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold	Supports	No flashing content occurs during normal operation.
2.4.1 Bypass Blocks	Not Applicable	This criterion does not apply to non-web software or non-web documents in this report scope.
2.4.2 Page Titled	Supports	Software screens and menus use clear labels or context. Electronic support documents include appropriate titles.
2.4.3 Focus Order	Partially Supports	Menu navigation follows a logical visual order. The software does not expose a programmatic focus order to assistive technology.
2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context)	Supports	On-device software does not rely on links. Electronic support documents use meaningful links.
3.1.1 Language of Page	Supports	The product supports multiple interface languages. The user guide includes English and French content.
3.2.1 On Focus	Supports	No change of context is expected merely from focus or highlighting. Selection or activation is user initiated.
3.2.2 On Input	Supports	Changing settings is user initiated and predictable.
3.3.1 Error Identification	Partially Supports	Some error or status information is visual only. The user guide includes troubleshooting guidance, but the device does not provide nonvisual error identification.
3.3.2 Labels or Instructions	Supports	Controls, menu items, and settings are labeled in the product interface and described in the user guide.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
4.1.1 Parsing	Supports	The VPAT 2.5Rev template notes this criterion is always answered Supports for WCAG 2.0 and 508 standards after the September 2023 errata.
4.1.2 Name, Role, Value	Partially Supports	The embedded software does not expose name, role, and value information through platform accessibility services. Core functions are presented visually and through physical controls.

Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

Notes: Applies to embedded software, electronic support documentation, and included support videos as described in the scope above. WCAG Level AAA is not included in this report.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.4 Captions (Live)	Not Applicable	The on-device software does not include live synchronized media.
1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded)	Partially Supports	The on-device software does not include prerecorded video content. HumanWare-produced support videos include voice-over, captions, and full transcripts. The videos do not include separate audio description tracks. The voice-over describes the demonstrated product tasks, which may provide sufficient context for many videos, but separate audio description has not been provided.
1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum)	Supports	The product is designed for low vision use and provides multiple high-contrast color combinations, menu color options, screen brightness control, and menu text size options. Contrast ratios have been confirmed to meet requirements.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.4.4 Resize Text	Supports	The product provides magnification and menu text size settings: Small, Medium, and Large. Live image magnification is available.
1.4.5 Images of Text	Partially Supports	The device is a camera-based magnifier and displays images of text as part of its core function. UI labels are identified. Support documentation provides alt text for images and graphics.
2.4.5 Multiple Ways	Not Applicable	This criterion does not apply to non-web software or non-web documents in this report scope.
2.4.6 Headings and Labels	Supports	Menu items, controls, and documentation headings are descriptive. Support documentation headings have been confirmed.
2.4.7 Focus Visible	Partially Supports	The product is primarily operated by touch and physical buttons. The interface does not provide a conventional keyboard focus indicator. Visual focus/selection is indicated by a background color change on the active field.
3.1.2 Language of Parts	Supports	The interface supports multiple languages. The user guide separates English and French sections. Document language handling has been confirmed.
3.2.3 Consistent Navigation	Not Applicable	This criterion does not apply to non-web software or non-web documents in this report scope.
3.2.4 Consistent Identification	Not Applicable	This criterion does not apply to non-web software or non-web documents in this report scope.
3.3.3 Error Suggestion	Not Applicable	The device does not include form-like input error correction workflows where error suggestions would apply. Troubleshooting information is provided in support documentation.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data)	Not Applicable	The product does not perform legal, financial, or user-data transactions covered by this criterion.

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The following tables report conformance with the Revised Section 508 standards for the explorē 12 Kit scope described above.

Chapter 3: Functional Performance Criteria (FPC)

Notes: Chapter 3 is included to explain functional access where Chapters 4 and 5 do not fully describe user access, especially because the product is a low vision product rather than a blindness product.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
302.1 Without Vision	Does Not Support	explorē 12 is intended for users with limited, but remaining usable vision. Core operation depends on visual access to the screen. The device does not provide speech output, braille output, or a fully nonvisual operating mode.
302.2 With Limited Vision	Supports	The product is designed for users with low vision. It provides magnification, contrast modes, brightness control, line and blinds, preferred zoom settings, near/distance viewing, and external display support.
302.3 Without Perception of Color	Supports	Color is not the only means of access. Core controls are identified by placement, labels, icons, and physical layout. Multiple contrast modes are available.
302.4 Without Hearing	Supports	The product does not require hearing for core operation. Information is presented visually, and the product uses vibration for some feedback.
302.5 With Limited Hearing	Supports	The product does not rely on hearing for core operation.
302.6 Without Speech	Supports	The product does not require speech input for operation.
302.7 With Limited Manipulation	Partially Supports	Core functions can be operated through simple physical controls and touchscreen options. Some use cases require holding the device, pressing physical buttons, using touch-based menu selection, docking or removing the device from the folding stand, or manipulating the stand.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
302.8 With Limited Reach and Strength	Partially Supports	The device is portable and can be used on a table or stand. However, lifting, holding, docking, opening, collapsing, or transporting the device and stand may require reach or strength.
302.9 With Limited Language, Cognitive, and Learning Abilities	Partially Supports	The interface is simple and task-based, with limited menus and clear control labels. Some setup, menu navigation, software update steps, and support documentation may require reading and following multi-step instructions.

Chapter 4: Hardware

Notes: Scope includes explorē 12 kit hardware, including tablet, physical controls, touchscreen, folding stand, USB-C connection, video output, battery/charging, and status indicators.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
402 Closed Functionality	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
402.1 General	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
402.2 Speech-Output Enabled	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
402.2.1 Information Displayed On-Screen	Does Not Support	The product displays information on-screen and does not provide speech output or braille output. It is intended for users with limited, usable vision, not users without vision.
402.2.2 Transactional Outputs	Not Applicable	The product does not provide transactional outputs such as receipts, tickets, or other transaction records.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
402.2.3 Speech Delivery Type and Coordination	Not Applicable	The product does not provide speech output.
402.2.4 User Control	Not Applicable	The product does not provide speech output.
402.2.5 Braille Instructions	Not Applicable	The product does not provide speech output and does not include braille operation instructions.
402.3 Volume	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
402.3.1 Private Listening	Not Applicable	The product does not provide speech output or audio output for private listening.
402.3.2 Non-private Listening	Not Applicable	The product does not provide speech output or audio output for non-private listening.
402.4 Characters on Display Screens	Supports	The product provides a 12-inch display, magnification, menu text size options, high-contrast modes, and brightness control. Menu text can be presented in Small, Medium, or Large and is user adjustable.
402.5 Characters on Variable Message Signs	Not Applicable	The product does not include variable message signs.
403 Biometrics	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
403.1 Biometrics	Not Applicable	The product does not use biometrics.
404 Preservation of Information Provided for Accessibility	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
404.1 Preservation of Information Provided for Accessibility	Not Applicable	The product exports saved images. It does not create or transform content with accessibility metadata that must be preserved, and no future file formats are planned that would include accessibility information.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
405 Privacy	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
405.1 Privacy	Not Applicable	The product does not provide speech output or other accessibility functions that create a specific privacy concern under this criterion.
406 Standard Connections	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
406.1 Standard Connections	Supports	The product uses standard USB Type-C power/data connection and a high-resolution video output cable for external display use.
407 Operable Parts	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
407.2 Contrast	Supports	Physical button controls are highly contrasted and visually distinguishable by layout, labeling, and color contrast.
407.3 Input Controls	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
407.3.1 Tactilely Discernible	Supports	Primary physical controls are tactilely discernible by location and layout. Controls are discernible by simple layout and color variation.
407.3.2 Alphabetic Keys	Not Applicable	The product does not include alphabetic keys.
407.3.3 Numeric Keys	Not Applicable	The product does not include numeric keys.
407.4 Key Repeat	Supports	Zoom controls support press-and-hold behavior. Key repeat behavior is also supported for scrolling menus.
407.5 Timed Response	Supports	The device auto-off setting is adjustable to 1 minute, 2 minutes, 5 minutes, 10 minutes, or Never.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
407.6 Operation	Partially Supports	Core controls do not appear to require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting. Some use of the stand, docking, folding, or carrying may require two hands or moderate dexterity.
407.7 Tickets, Fare Cards, and Keycards	Not Applicable	The product does not dispense or process tickets, fare cards, or keycards.
407.8 Reach Height and Depth	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
407.8.1 Vertical Reference Plane	Not Applicable	The product is portable/personal-use ICT and is not installed in a fixed public location requiring fixed reach-range evaluation.
407.8.1.1 Vertical Plane for Side Reach	Not Applicable	Not fixed-location ICT.
407.8.1.2 Vertical Plane for Forward Reach	Not Applicable	Not fixed-location ICT.
407.8.2 Side Reach	Not Applicable	Not fixed-location ICT.
407.8.2.1 Unobstructed Side Reach	Not Applicable	Not fixed-location ICT.
407.8.2.2 Obstructed Side Reach	Not Applicable	Not fixed-location ICT.
407.8.3 Forward Reach	Not Applicable	Not fixed-location ICT.
407.8.3.1 Unobstructed Forward Reach	Not Applicable	Not fixed-location ICT.
407.8.3.2 Obstructed Forward Reach	Not Applicable	Not fixed-location ICT.
407.8.3.2.1 Operable Part Height for ICT with Obstructed Forward Reach	Not Applicable	Not fixed-location ICT.
407.8.3.2.2 Knee and Toe Space under ICT with Obstructed Forward Reach	Not Applicable	Not fixed-location ICT.
408 Display Screens	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
408.2 Visibility	Supports	The product provides a 12-inch screen, screen brightness control, contrast modes, magnification, and external display support.
408.3 Flashing	Supports	No flashing content occurs during normal operation.
409 Status Indicators	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
409.1 Status Indicators	Partially Supports	Status indicators are visual. Vibration is available for some functions, but battery/status indicators appear visual only.
410 Color Coding	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
410.1 Color Coding	Supports	Color is not the only means used to identify or operate core functions.
411 Audible Signals	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
411.1 Audible Signals	Not Applicable	The product does not rely on audible signals. It uses visual information and vibration for some feedback.
412 ICT with Two-Way Voice Communication	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
412.2 Volume Gain	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
412.2.1 Volume Gain for Wireline Telephones	Not Applicable	The product is not a wireline telephone.
412.2.2 Volume Gain for Non-Wireline ICT	Not Applicable	The product is not non-wireline ICT with two-way voice communication.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
412.3 Interference Reduction and Magnetic Coupling	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
412.3.1 Wireless Handsets	Not Applicable	The product is not a wireless handset.
412.3.2 Wireline Handsets	Not Applicable	The product is not a wireline handset.
412.4 Digital Encoding of Speech	Not Applicable	The product does not provide two-way voice communication.
412.5 Real-Time Text Functionality	Reserved for future	Reserved for future
412.6 Caller ID	Not Applicable	The product does not provide caller ID.
412.7 Video Communication	Not Applicable	The product does not provide real-time video communication between users.
412.8 Legacy TTY Support	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
412.8.1 TTY Connectability	Not Applicable	The product is not ICT with voice communication.
412.8.2 Voice and Hearing Carry Over	Not Applicable	The product is not ICT with voice communication.
412.8.3 Signal Compatibility	Not Applicable	The product is not ICT with voice communication.
412.8.4 Voice Mail and Other Messaging Systems	Not Applicable	The product does not provide voice mail or messaging systems.
413 Closed Caption Processing Technologies	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
413.1.1 Decoding and Display of Closed Captions	Not Applicable	The product does not receive, play, or display captioned video programming.
413.1.2 Pass-Through of Closed Caption Data	Not Applicable	The product does not process closed caption data.
414 Audio Description Processing Technologies	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
414.1.1 Digital Television Tuners	Not Applicable	The product does not include a digital television tuner.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
414.1.2 Other ICT	Not Applicable	The product does not process audio description content.
415 User Controls for Captions and Audio Descriptions	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
415.1.1 Caption Controls	Not Applicable	The product does not display captions or captioned video programming.
415.1.2 Audio Description Controls	Not Applicable	The product does not play audio description content.

Chapter 5: Software

Notes: Scope includes embedded non-web software running on explorē 12 software version 1.1.6.450.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
501.1 Scope - Incorporation of WCAG 2.0 AA	See WCAG 2.0 matrix	The embedded non-web software is addressed in the WCAG 2.0 Level A and Level AA tables above.
502 Interoperability with Assistive Technology	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
502.2.1 User Control of Accessibility Features	Not Applicable	The product is closed-functionality embedded ICT and does not run user-installed assistive technology or platform accessibility features. Accessibility-related settings are provided within the product itself.
502.2.2 No Disruption of Accessibility Features	Not Applicable	The product does not run on a general-purpose platform with separate assistive technology features.
502.3 Accessibility Services	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
502.3.1 Object Information	Not Applicable	The embedded software does not expose object information to platform accessibility services.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
502.3.2 Modification of Object Information	Not Applicable	No platform accessibility services are exposed.
502.3.3 Row, Column, and Headers	Not Applicable	The on-device software does not expose tabular object information to platform accessibility services.
502.3.4 Values	Not Applicable	The embedded software does not expose values to platform accessibility services.
502.3.5 Modification of Values	Not Applicable	No platform accessibility services are exposed.
502.3.6 Label Relationships	Not Applicable	No platform accessibility services are exposed.
502.3.7 Hierarchical Relationships	Not Applicable	No platform accessibility services are exposed.
502.3.8 Text	Not Applicable	No platform accessibility services are exposed.
502.3.9 Modification of Text	Not Applicable	The product does not provide user text editing through platform accessibility services.
502.3.10 List of Actions	Not Applicable	No platform accessibility services are exposed.
502.3.11 Actions on Objects	Not Applicable	No platform accessibility services are exposed.
502.3.12 Focus Cursor	Not Applicable	No platform accessibility services are exposed.
502.3.13 Modification of Focus Cursor	Not Applicable	No platform accessibility services are exposed.
502.3.14 Event Notification	Not Applicable	No platform accessibility services are exposed.
502.4 Platform Accessibility Features	Not Applicable	The product does not run on a general-purpose platform with external platform accessibility features.
503 Applications	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
503.2 User Preferences	Supports	The product provides its own user preferences for contrast, menu color, brightness, menu text size, preferred zoom, touch gestures, lights, language, and auto-off behavior.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
503.3 Alternative User Interfaces	Not Applicable	No platform accessibility services are exposed. The product provides physical controls and touchscreen controls for core functions. All touchscreen functions are supported through physical controls except selection of items in settings menus, where touch is the only method of selection.
503.4 User Controls for Captions and Audio Description	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
503.4.1 Caption Controls	Not Applicable	The product does not display captioned video.
503.4.2 Audio Description Controls	Not Applicable	The product does not provide audio description playback.
504 Authoring Tools	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
504.2 Content Creation or Editing	Not Applicable	The product is not an authoring tool. It can save images to a gallery, but it does not create/edit content intended for publication with accessibility metadata.
504.2.1 Preservation of Information Provided for Accessibility in Format Conversion	Not Applicable	The product does not perform format conversions of authored content with accessibility information.
504.2.2 PDF Export	Not Applicable	The product does not export PDF files.
504.3 Prompts	Not Applicable	The product is not an authoring tool.
504.4 Templates	Not Applicable	The product is not an authoring tool and does not provide templates.

Chapter 6: Support Documentation and Services

Notes: Scope includes user guide, quick start, electronic support files, HumanWare-produced support videos linked from the support page to YouTube, and HumanWare support services.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
601.1 Scope	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
602 Support Documentation	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
602.2 Accessibility and Compatibility Features	Supports	HumanWare can provide information about accessibility and compatibility features. Product documentation describes magnification, contrast, lines/blinds, lights, menu text size, touchscreen configuration, languages, USB export, and external display use.
602.3 Electronic Support Documentation	Supports	Electronic support documentation is available as accessible PDF and Word files. HumanWare-produced support videos linked from the HumanWare support page to YouTube are included in this report and are captioned. See the WCAG 2.0 matrix for criteria-level notes related to electronic documents and videos.
602.4 Alternate Formats for Non-Electronic Support Documentation	Does Not Support	Alternate-format documentation upon request is not currently provided, based on product team input.
603 Support Services	Heading cell - no response required	Heading cell - no response required
603.2 Information on Accessibility and Compatibility Features	Supports	Support services can provide information about accessibility and compatibility features.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
603.3 Accommodation of Communication Needs	Supports	Support is available through communication methods that can accommodate disability-related needs, based on product team input.

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